Storm Drain Stenciling Project Coordinated

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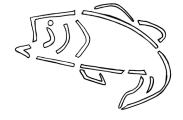
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INTRODUCING STORM DRAIN STENCILING

Why Stencil Storm Drains?

In order to sustain the quality of life we now enjoy in Greenville for generations to come, we must take action to protect our water quality. Your debris, chemicals, trash and other pollutants are damaging our limited water resources. We need to be aware of the fact that whatever goes down in the storm drains in Greenville (those holes in the curbs of our streets) empties directly into our lakes, creeks, and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean.

The storm drains are separate from the wastewater system that gets treated and cleaned before it is put back into our water



resources.
Storm water
runoff does
NOT get
cleaned before
it flows into our
lakes and
creeks. Many
people in
Greenville still
are discarding
all types of
pollutants onto

streets or directly in storm drains. Even grass clippings and leaves are a hazard to the health of our water resources and should not be put on the streets or blown into storm drains. If storm drains and creeks are clogged with yard waste, they could cause flooding in your neighborhood and algae to bloom, thus killing aquatic life.

What Will They Look Like?

Volunteers will use a stencil to paint the top of the catch basin cover (the top of storm drains). The stenciled writing will be in either yellow or black paint and will read:

DON'T POLLUTE. FLOWS (5) TO TAR-PAMLICO RIVER

Why Should You Volunteer?

By participating in this program and donating a few hours of time, you can help make Greenville better and more beautiful by keeping our streams and rivers clean. There is no monetary cost to you, but the rewards are many. Helping to keep Greenville clean is everyone's responsibility.

If you or a group would like to volunteer, here are some facts about stenciling:

- It takes 10-20 minutes to stencil a storm drain.
- Groups should consist of 3 to 4 people, including one adult.
- A group of 30 people can stencil 50 or more storm drains in approximately two hours.

What Goes Around, Comes Around

- Never dump materials in or near a storm drain.
- Don't throw trash in the street.
- Put loose leaves at the edge of your yard (not in the street) just prior to your area's collection week.
- Don't fertilize your yard just before it rains.
- Keep your automobile tuned and maintained to prevent fluids from dripping.
- RECYCLE AS MUCHAS POSSIBLE!
- Don't be afraid to speak up to fellow citizens if you see them polluting.
- Remember, when we clean up our neighborhoods, we also clean up our creeks and rivers.